

Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Stolen Property and Drugs- Felton

Felton- Delaware State Police arrested 19-year-old **Michael T. Nickles** of Dover for criminal and traffic charges following a traffic stop on September 24, 2020.

At approximately 2:08 p.m., a B0L0 was broadcasted for a beige passenger car traveling at a high rate of speed and passing vehicles on the shoulder of the roadway northbound on US 13 in the Felton area. A trooper in the area of US 13 and Canterbury Road observed a beige Toyota Avalon operating at a high rate of speed passing vehicles. The trooper activated his emergency lights, and the Avalon swerved to the shoulder of the roadway and stopped directly behind the patrol vehicle. The operator, later identified as Nichols, quickly exited the Avalon and began acting disorderly on the road's shoulder before complying with the troopers' command to reenter his vehicle. The troopers' investigation revealed Nickles was passing cars on the shoulder of the roadway, braking suddenly in front of vehicles, traveling at a high rate of speed, failed to stop at a red light, and backed up on the highway. It was also discovered Nickles was driving with no insurance, which resulted in an inventory search of the vehicle conducted before being towed. During the search, the following items were discovered:

- 13 units of assorted cannabis-infused candies
- 18 units of THC cartridges weighing approximately 7.03 grams
- \$995.00 in suspected drug proceeds
- Drug paraphernalia
- Six Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Signs

Nickles was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Theft under \$1,500
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Aggressive Driving
- Disorderly Conduct
- Failure to have Required Insurance
- Failure to have Registration Card in Possession
- Speeding in Excess of 55 MPH
- Failure to Stop at Red Light
- Passing on the Right
- Failure to Signal
- Improper Backing
- Failure to Report Change of Address

Nickles was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a \$4,407.00 unsecured bond.

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